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Portland,Oregon.

Miss Mary T,Wells

Elkton.

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Portland Oregon.
June 12-1937

Dear Cousin Mary;
You will begin to think me very ungracious because of my delay in writing to you after our nice visit when we visited you ; but I have been very busy and none too well, then too I have wanted to hear from the granddaughter of Nelson Wells, and I have her letter which I now enclose to you. I shall write to her very soon and tell her what I can,but you may want to write to her I feel sure she would love to hear direct from you.
The Genealogist in Los Angeles who was searching for records of our Ancestor Daniel Wells wrote to me and she has found nothing of any value so far.

I believe our cousin Grace Murray has answered in the enclosed ## letter the question you wanted to know about uncle Nelson Wells, However I will copy from my notes as follows,
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Zuma Township 1833 First Settlement; mentions Ira Wells,Nelson Wells, In 1836 D.N.Beal come, The first male child,and the second child born here was Lucius W.Beal, Jan,20th 1838;
Nelson Wells and Harriet Dow married 1838 first marriage in the Township. Among first Officers , Rinnah Wells Supervisor, Anthony Wells,Collector, Nelson Wells Road Comm,.
Daniel Beal supervisor 1862-3.

Rock Island Argus, newspaper owned by J.B.Danforth jr. 1856.

I have more notes which I will copy for you from time to time.

You can copy from this letter anything you would like to keep then please return it to me, I am filing all letters that are of value for records.

Sincerely hope your health has improved,and that you are able to be out in the sunshine during the lovely weather.

My daughter fractured one bone in her ankle last Tuesday and I presume I have been doing a bit too much work even though I have had a girl in to do all of the heavy work, I have heart trouble, and have to be very careful at all times, it helps a lot when one knows their limitations. Clarice is getting along very well has her foot in a plaster cast, the rest of the family are quite well so now I will say Good Night with my kindest wishes to you, please extend our knid regards to the relative there and please tell me his name again.

With affection,
May Zumwalt.

Mrs W. B. Zumwalt
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I see I did not make a clear statement about returning this letter. I meant to ask you to return Grace Murrays letter only.

So I am sending this one back to you. Even though it may be of no use to you now

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Dear Cousin Mary;
This time it is I who will have to apoligise for being so long in answering your splendid letter, really I am of two opinions, one is that I did write to you soon after I rec'd yours, and the other is that I did not; I know I was waiting to hear from letters I had written to the sons of Uncle Columbus Wells, who live in Montana,but even now they have not answered even though I enclosed a stamped addressed envelope. Their brother Ben of Fall City Neb, sent me their address and I wrote them at once, I wanted to learn if they knew where the old Family Bible of Grandfather Eri Wells could be found. Their family of course had it when their father died;
It was interesting to hear about Uncle Francis'es family,but regret to hear so many have passed to the Great Beyond. When you do hear from the one who called on you, Lena, please let me know where they are.

Yes I agree with you about there being many mistakes in old records about events etc, but I have wondered about the place of marriage of Nelson Wells and Harriet Dow, the record said First in Zuma Township now do you suppose Uncle Asaph, Eri, Merit and Laura could have been married in some other Township, before they came to Zuma.

I will write to Washington D.C. for a copy of Census records of Rock-Island County also Wayne Co, and in that way hope to find out where they lived at a certain time. have been waiting for the weather to get cooler back there before sending money for that record,fearing the genealogists would not do much while the weather was so hot back there.

Do you have anything to tell where the family lived while in Ohio,before they moved on into Wayne Co, Ill.

You have been such a wonderful help to me, in fact I could have done very little without the information you have given me, and I want you to know I appreciate your kindness to the fullest extent.

I have traced the record of three "Daniel Wells'es" but they are not our Daniel. There were such large families of the name in Mass,Conn, Vermont and even New York and so many Daniels that I still have room for a lot of investigating.

Yes like you I rather dread to see the winters come creeping on so early in the year, but Fall is definately in the air now, even though the sun continues to shine, the air is chilly.

Glad to tell you my daughter Clarice has the cast off her foot and has only a very small bandage around her ankle now, is able to drive the car, and does her work again. there is a bit of swelling yet,but not very bad; Our granddaughter Elaine is home from Art Study in Los Angeles, and expects to enter some of her work at the State Fair this fall.

The family are in their usual health and we all hope you are feeling much better than when we saw you last, with kind wishes to Cousin "Weatherly" and to yourself, also hope sincerely your sister Esther has recovered her health before this time;

Fondly. May Zumwalt.

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